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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Thank you for your reply to my recent letter, in which I requested information which you are unable to provide. I am enclosing the order blank you sent, with an order for "PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITEWASH". When you send the book, please enclose another order blank.

I think it is best that I inform you as to the scope of my work on the JFK assassination. I began just over two years ago by reading the historical books on it by William Manchester and Jim Bishop. Then, I went into books by Mark Lane, Edward Jay Epstein, Peter Noyes, Sylvia Meagher, Josiah Thompson, and others. I was unable to locate your books, despite my efforts in this area. I have since begun to explore other areas, along with some of those described in the books. However, what work I do must come second, since I am also in school. My efforts, unlike yours, are not full time.

If I had been aware that you had planned to write a book on the David Ferrie material, I certainly would not have asked you for it; my asking you for it was clearly an imposition. I am truly very sorry for this mistake. However, I do need to know if the FBI and Secret Service reports—ON FERRIE appear in the published 26 volumes of Warren Commission evidence. I am aware that at least one does not. Please tell me what volume they are in, as I have been unable to locate them.

My work, though, has not been completely reliant on other people's accounts of their own studies. I have recently become aware of a man about 50 miles away who claims to have been in Dallas on the day of the assassination, and says he picked up Lee Oswald on Elm Street and took him to Oak Cliff, letting him out at 10th Street. I have made plans to interview him soon, and I would like to send you a copy of the transcript (or the tape, if you prefer), and would like for you to evaluate it for truth. His name is Cecil Lee Small, and he lives in Boone.

I hope this explains my purposes and work so far, and I hope you see that it is not a full scale criminal investigation. Thank you again for your time and help, and good luck with your work. If possible, I would like to be notified on completion of the book on Ferrie.

Sincerely yours,
Richard Sullins
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